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SUBJECT: FOREIGN DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON SITUATION IN IRIAN JAYA

REF: PORT MORESBY 1063

1. INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR YESTERDAY PUBLICLY DENIED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ANY INDONESIAN CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS INTO PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) IN RETALIATION FOR THE RECENT KIDNAPPING OF SEVEN INDONESIAN OFFICIALS BY FREE PAPUA ORGANIZATION (OPM) GUERRILLAS. MOCHTAR ADMITTED THAT ONE INDONESIAN HELICOPTER HAD "ACCIDENTALLY" STRAYED ACROSS THE BORDER AND LANDED, BUT HE SAID THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY APOLOGIZED TO THE PNG GOVERNMENT FOR THE INCIDENT. MOCHTAR ALSO CHARACTERIZED
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AS "EXAGGERATED" FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS ABOUT A LARGE DEMONSTRATION BY PNG YOUTHS AT THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN PORT MORESBY, PROTESTING THE ALLEGED BORDER VIOLATIONS.

2. INDONESIA'S AMBASSADOR TO PNG BOESIRI SURYOWINOTO, IN SEPARATE COMMENTS TO THE PRESS, REPEATED MOCHTAR'S LINE ON THE DEMONSTRATION, ADDING THAT "ONLY ABOUT 60"

STUDENTS CAME TO THE EMBASSY, PRESENTED A PETITION AND LEFT QUIETLY AFTER 15 MINUTES. AMBASSADOR SURYOWINOTO TERMED THE PNG GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE ON THE BORDER SITUATION "POSITIVE" AND CLAIMED THAT PORT MORESBY HAD GIVEN "A GUARANTEE THAT, IF REBELS CROSS THE BORDER, THEY WILL BE EJECTED AND IF CAPTURED TURNED OVER TO INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES." SURYOWINOTO ADDED THAT THE "REAL PROBLEM" IN PORT MORESBY WAS NOT WITH THE PNG GOVERNMENT BUT WITH THE FOREIGN PRESS, "ESPECIALLY THE AUSTRALIANS," WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO CREATE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE PNG AND INDONESIAN GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL FORWARD SEPTTEL INTS CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN IRIAN JAYA.
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